

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, September 6, 2000

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT).

## DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 6, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JUDY BIGGERT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

## PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God of covenant love, You provide us wisdom for our lives; You empower us to live out our commitments to others. As we enter into legislative session today, You welcome us into Your presence.

May the families and local districts we leave to assemble once again as the 106th Congress be blessed and protected by You.

May our personal relationships with them be secured and our common life be enriched by the work and intentions that bring us to public service.

Help this government to enact laws that respect the right of parents and protect children. Guide this Congress and all local communities to create homes and neighborhoods where trust and creative deeds may flourish.

Fix us on the course of justice and shape our future by solid information and quality education. Let truth be our guide and secure peace our gift to families and the world, now and forever. Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PITTS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 820. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3244. An act to combat trafficking of persons, especially into the sex trade, slavery, and slavery-like conditions, in the United States and countries around the world through prevention, through prosecution and enforcement against traffickers, and through protection and assistance to victims of trafficking.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 820) "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. STEVENS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. KERRY, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

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Committee on the Judiciary: Mr. HATCH, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. LEAHY; and

Committee on Foreign Relations: Mr. HELMS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. WELLSTONE; to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills, a joint resolution and concurrent resolutions of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 610. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Washakie County and Big Horn County, Wyoming, to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming, and for other purposes.

S. 1894. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming.

S. 1936. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other National Forest System land in the State of Oregon and use the proceeds derived from the sale or exchange for National Forest System purposes.

S. 2020. An act to adjust the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

S. 2279. An act to authorize the addition of land to Sequoia National Park, and for other purposes.

S. 2352. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Wekiva River and its tributaries of Wekiwa Springs Run, Rock Springs Run, and Black Water Creek in the State of Florida as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

S. 2386. An act to authorize the United States Postal Service to issue semipostals, and for other purposes.

S. 2421. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing an Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

S. 2998. An act to designate a fellowship program of the Peace Corps promoting the work of returning Peace Corps volunteers in underserved American communities as the "Paul D. Coverdell Fellows Program".

S.J. Res. 48. Joint resolution calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 25th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act.

S. Con. Res. 53. Concurrent resolution condemning all prejudice against individuals of Asian and Pacific Island ancestry in the United States.

S. Con. Res. 133. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of S. 1809.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-134, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, announces the appointment made during the adjournment, of Nancy Rutlege Connery, of Maine, to serve as a member of the Amtrak Reform Council, vice Joseph Vranich, of Pennsylvania, effective July 28, 2000.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 99-498, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, reappoints Charles Terrell, of Massachusetts, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2000, made during the adjournment, effective July 28, 2000.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-173, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, announces the appointment of Frank J. Williams, of Rhode Island, to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, made during the adjournment, effective August 24, 2000.